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BOROUGH OF TENTERDEN (KENT)

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Public Health Inspector for the Year 1963

Mr. Mayor, Alderman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1963.

Home Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 5,060 which represents an increase of 90 over that of the previous year.

Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 66 (36 M. 30 F.) a decrease of 8 from that of the previous year and the corresponding crude birth rate was 11.67 which after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor to allow comparison with the birth-rate of other Districts, becomes 13.07 and was lower than that of 18.2 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths and Rate

Two stillbirths (2 M.) were registered and the stillbirth rate was accordingly 29.41 compared with that of 17.3 for England and Wales.

Infant Deaths and Infant Mortality Rate

It is noteworthy to record that there was no infant death.

Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

Also there was no Maternal death, which is a reflection of the high standard of modern Obstetric practice.

Total Deaths and Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 116 (49 M. 67 F.) and the crude death rate was accordingly 22.91; this high crude rate is due to two factors, namely to the higher proportion of aged residents and to West View Chronic Sick Hospital where the mortality is naturally higher and from which deaths are assigned to the Borough when a patient has been resident for more than six months. The Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution allows for these factors and after adjustment the crude rate becomes reduced to 11.23 which affords comparison with that of 12.2 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths was those from natural causes amongst the aged i.e. Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System; of those there were 71.

Disease of the Coronary Artery of the Heart was the cause of 18 of those deaths or approximately 25%. which were in the following age-groups; 1(M) 45 - 54; 1(M), 3(F), 55 - 64; 2(M), 4(F) 65 - 74; and 5(M), 2(F) over 75 years. There is a new theory that the excessive consumption of sugar may be a contributory factor, but as the majority of deaths are over 65 years, it is probable that a degenerative process is the most important factor.

Cancer, as invariably in previous years, was the second highest cause of deaths of which there were 22, in the following age groups: 1(F), 35 - 44; 1(M), 45 - 54; 5(M) 55 - 64; 3(M), 5(F), 65 - 74; and 4(M), 3(F) over 75 years. The majority of deaths were over 65 years, which would seem to support

the supposition that procrastination by the elderly in seeking medical advice is a major factor associated with late diagnosis.

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus was the cause of six deaths (5 M. 1 F.) in the following age groups; 2 between 55 - 64 and 4 between 65 - 74 years. Male deaths invariably predominate in the approximate ratio of 4 or 5 to 1 and may be related to the proportion of male to female cigarette smokers. It may also be significant that deaths from Lung Cancer occur in earlier age-groups than those from other forms of Cancer.

Cancer of the Stomach caused 3 deaths; 1 between 65 - 74, and 2 over 75 years.

The other causes of death were miscellaneous and there was no exceptional mortality.

The Infectious Diseases

Apart from the bi-ennial outbreak of Measles, the incidence of notifiable Infectious Diseases was very low throughout the year.

Measles

197 cases were notified, but there were no deaths. The dangerous complications of past years, namely Broncho-pneumonia, Acute Suppurative Otitis Media and more rarely Acute Encephalitis occur less frequently today, and the former two usually respond to treatment with the Sulpha drugs or Antibiotics.

Scarlet Fever

Five sporadic cases were notified. In contrast with its virulence of past years it is today a relatively mild disease and the majority of cases are now treated at home. Occasionally the complication of Acute Nephritis occurs, but Carditis and Acute Otitis Media are relatively rare.

Erysipelas

One case of this skin infection which is caused by the same organism as Scarlet Fever was notified. Prior to the introduction of the Sulpha drugs and Antibiotics, which are specific in treatment, this was a very serious disease and caused innumerable deaths.

Tuberculosis

One new case of Respiratory Tuberculosis in the 65+ age groups was notified. Prior to circa 1950, the majority of notifications throughout the Country were in the adolescent age-group, but fortunately this does not obtain today.

Also one new case of non-Respiratory Tuberculosis (Renal) was notified.

There were no deaths which is a reflection of the efficacy of modern treatment.

In conclusion, I would state that the Public Health of the Borough was satisfactory throughout the year and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest in the Department and also the staff for their co-operation and efficiency.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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SECTION A.

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1963

Area:- 8,946 acres

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

The Resident Population	...	...	...	5,060
Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books	...			1,860
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£163,942
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	£670

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Tenterden Borough is a corporate member of the Cinque Ports as a Limb of the Ancient Town of Rye, and as such has retained its identity, its historical traditions and characteristic charm.

The Borough is largely a residential district, being surrounded by wide rural areas affords a convenient and good shopping centre. Its chief business interests are associated with those of agriculture, as being the main industry.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		<u>Tenterden Borough</u>	<u>Engle and Wale</u>
1. <u>Live Births</u>	66	36	30	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	11.67 (Adjusted Rate 13.07)	18.2
(a) Legitimate	58	30	28			
(b) Illegitimate	8	6	2			
2. <u>Stillbirths</u>	2	2	-	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	29.41	17.3
(a) Legitimate	2	2	-			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3. <u>Total live and still births</u>	68	38	30			
4. <u>Deaths</u>	116	49	67	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	22.91 (Adjusted Rate 11.23)	12.2
5. <u>Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births	Nil	Not Availab
6. <u>Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	-	20.9
(a) Legitimate	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births (Legitimate)	-	
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births (illegitimate)	-	
7. <u>Deaths of infants under Four Weeks of Age</u>	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	-	Not Availa
(a) Legitimate	-	-	-			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
8. <u>Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births</u>					12.12%	
9. Deaths from Cancer (all ages)				...	...	22
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)				...	...	-
Deaths from Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea				...	...	-
Deaths from Measles				...	...	-

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year.

Measles	...	...	197
Scarlet Fever	...	...	5
Erysipelas	...	...	1

CAUSES OF DEATH IN TENTERDEN BOROUGH

DURING 1963

ALL CAUSES				<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
				49	67
Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	-	-
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	-	-
Diphtheria	...	...	...	-	-
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	-	-
Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	-	-
Measles	...	...	...	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	5	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic ceoplasms	...	...	...	6	6
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	2	-
Diabetes	...	...	...	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	12	9
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	9	9
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	1	3
Other heart disease	...	...	...	4	21
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	1	2
Influenza	...	...	...	-	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	2	4
Bronchitis	...	...	...	2	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	4	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	-	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	-	-
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	-	5
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	-	-
All other accidents	...	...	...	-	-
Suicide	...	...	...	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality, 1963

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>				<u>Total Cases on Register</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	15	3	2
1 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
5 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
15 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
25 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
35 ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-				
45 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
55 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
65 and upwards	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-				
Total	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-				

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from this disease.

IMMUNISATION

The following table shows the diphtheria immunisation and whooping cough immunisation figures for 1963 based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Diphtheria Immunisation</u> (Singly or in combination)		<u>Whooping Cough Immunisation</u> (Singly or in combination)
	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Reinforcing</u>	<u>Primary</u>
1963	33	Nil	33
1962	36	1	36
1961	1	50	1
1960	Nil	11	Nil
1959	Nil	1	Nil
1954-1958	1	60	Nil
1949-1953	Nil	1	Nil
Total	71	124	70

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following table shows the Poliomyelitis Vaccination figures for 1963 based on the Return submitted to the Ministry of Health

<u>Year</u>	<u>2 Injections</u> (Salk)	<u>3rd Dose</u> (Salk and Oral)	<u>4th Dose</u> (Salk and Oral)	<u>3 Orals</u> (Completed Course)
1963	-	-	74	16
1962	-	1	-	53
1961	-	3	-	9
1957-1960	-	1	-	4
1943-1956	-	3	-	8
1933-1942	-	1	-	3
Others	-	4	-	3

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

<u>Primary Vaccination</u> <u>1 Year</u>	<u>Re-Vaccination</u> <u>School Age but Under 8 Years</u>
17	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

(A) Examination of Water Supplies During the year:-

	<u>Bacteriological Examination</u>			<u>Chemical Examination</u>		
	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Not Satis- factory</u>
Statutory supply undertakings	8	8	-	-	-	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	-	-	-	-	-	-

The quantity of water supplied to the area is adequate and as far as known none of the supplies are plumbo-solvent.

- (B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies. 16
- (ii) Number of dwellings in the area 1,814
- (C) There were no extensions to water mains during the year
- (D) Action taken in respect of any form of contamination - None

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

A new separate foul and surface water drainage scheme is in preparation.

FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

- (i) (a) the number of food premises in the area ... 71
- (b) the number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.
- (i) Retailers of Ice Cream ... 26
- (ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. ... 5
- (c) the number of inspections of registered food premises 20
- (d) the method of disposal of condemned food - deeply buried and/or burnt.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspection of:-

Bakehouses	...	1
Butchers and meat products manufacturers	...	6
Catering Establishment and Clubs	...	10
Dairies	...	2
Fish (including fried)	...	2
Licensed Premises	...	None

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955 (Contd.)

Slaughterhouses	...	None
Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and delivery vans	...	1
All other Food Premises	...	None

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food and Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955) 3

Number of Food Premises improved as a result of notices served 3

Milk and Dairies

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 (Part 111)

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 (Part 111)

Number of registered distributors ... 10

Number of registered dairies ... 2

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

A. <u>Houses demolished</u>			
In Clearance Areas (Housing Act 1957)		<u>Houses Demolished</u>	<u>Displaced during year</u>
			<u>Persons</u> <u>Families</u>
(1)	Houses unfit for human habitation	Nil	Nil Nil
(2)	Houses included by reason of bad arrangement	Nil	Nil Nil
(3)	Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil Nil
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4)	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	4	1 Nil
B. <u>Unfit Houses Closed</u>		<u>Number</u>	
(5)	Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	2	
(6)	Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	Nil	
(7)	Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957)	Nil	
C. <u>Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied</u>			
		<u>By Owner</u>	<u>By Local Authority</u>
(8)	After informal action by local authority	8	Nil
(9)	After formal notice under -		
	(a) Public Health Acts	3	Nil
	(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1937	Nil	Nil
(10)	Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil

D. <u>Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)</u>		
<u>Position at end of year</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1)</u>
	(1)	(2)
(11) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 48	Nil	Nil
(b) Under Section 17(2)	Nil	Nil
(c) Under Section 46	Nil	Nil
(12) Licensed for temporary occupation Under Section 34 or 53	Nil	Nil
E. <u>Purchase of Houses by agreement</u>		
	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Number of occupants of houses in column (1)</u>
	(1)	(2)
(13) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year.	Nil	Nil

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS.

GRANTS

Three Discretionary and 12 Standard Grants were approved during the year at a total cost of £4,581. Grants made £2,719, involving 15 houses.

INSPECTIONS - Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act. (Demolition and Closing Orders)	...	4
Number of inspections of clearance areas	...	1
Number of inspections for general survey and assessment	...	-

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958
Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants..	19
Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants	12

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

Number of inspections re Certificates of Disrepair	...	None
Number of inspections re Certificates as to Remedying or Defects	...	None

Housing (general)

Number of inspections re housing applications	...	5
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Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	None
Aged and Infirm Persons	...	None
Vermin	...	3
Dirty Houses	...	1

INSPECTIONS (Contd.)

Public Health Act

Offensive accumulations	...	1
Offensive Odours	...	None
Nuisance from Keeping of Animals	...	None

NOTICES SERVED

	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Formal</u>
Public Health Acts	8	2
Housing Acts	Nil	Nil

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACTS

i. House Structure

(a) External

Chimney Stacks	Nil
Roofs	3
Gutters and fall pipes	2
Brickwork, pointing and rendering	1
Windows (including cords)	2
Doors	1
Decorations	1
Outbuildings	Nil
Yard Surfacing	Nil

(b) Internal

Plasterwork (walls and ceilings)	1
Doors and Cupboards	Nil
Fireplace and stoves	3
Staircase	Nil
Floors (including under floor ventilation)	Nil
Miscellaneous repairs	Nil

ii. Dampness to dwellings

Walls	7
Floors	3

iii. Foodstore to dwellings

Made satisfactory	1
Provided	1

iv. Water Supply to dwellings

Well supplies made adequate and safe	Nil
Wells discontinued and main water provided	Nil
Service piping renewed	Nil
Sinks renewed	3
Drainers renewed or provided	3

v. Sanitary Conveniences to Dwellings (including compartments) 2

Repaired	Nil
New Provided	Nil
Conversions to W.C.'s from pail closets	Nil

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACTS (Contd.)

(b) Internal

vi. Ventilation of dwellings

Improved Nil

vii. Drainage - general

Drains renewed or repaired 11

Drains cleared 9

viii Natural Lighting of Dwellings

Improved Nil

ix. Stability of Buildings Remedied

Nil

x. Dustbins Renewed

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HOUSING

(i) No. of families on Council's waiting list 85

(ii) No. of Council houses built during the year None

(iii) No. of Private houses built during the year 62

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

This work is done by a private contractor at the property owner/occupier's expense.

DRAINAGE

Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats) is 1,814

Total number of houses connected to the sewers 1,491

Number of houses not connected to the sewers 323

Number of premises connected to cesspools 315

Number of premises with pail closets 8

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection is made throughout the district and a fortnightly one in outlying parts.

SALVAGE

A waste paper collection scheme is in operation.

DISINFESTATION

The number of houses found to be infested with vermin was as follows:-

	<u>Bugs</u>	<u>Fleas</u>	<u>Cockroaches</u>
Council houses	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other houses	Nil	Nil	Nil

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health
(including inspection made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Reg- ister (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	25	7	-	-
) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	-	-	-	-
) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	25	7	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No: of cases in which prosecution were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspec- tor (4)	By H.M. Inspec- tor (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

OUTWORK

There are no outworkers in the district

	TYPE OF PROPERTY Non-Agricultural				(5) Agricultural
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All Other (incl. Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	
1. Number of properties in local Authority's District	9	1,643	453	2,105	129
2. Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	-	39	15	54	1
Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	33	11	44	1
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	6	4	10	-
3. Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	-	-	-	-	-
Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
4. Total number of properties otherwise inspected	-	-	-	-	-
Number of such properties found to be infested by					
Common Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
5. Total inspections carried out incl. re-inspections	-	-	-	-	-
6. Number of infested properties (in Secs. 1, 2, 3 & 5 treated by L.A.	-	39	15	54	1
7. Total treatments carried out incl. re-treatments.	-	-	-	-	-

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				(5) Agricultural
	Non-Agricultural				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (incl. Council Houses)	(3) All other (incl. Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	
Number of notices served under Sec. 4 of the Act (a) Treatment	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Structural Work	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sec. 4 of the Act	-	-	-	-	-
Legal proceedings	-	-	-	-	-

Where legal proceedings have been instituted by the
Local Authority brief particulars should be given here.

Nil

Any other points of interest Nil

